



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE
TO REVIEW THE OVERSIGHT ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL EXAMINING
BOARDS REGULATING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the current level of oversight provided by professional
3 examining boards regulating the state's health care professions. The
4 task force shall examine issues that include, but are not limited to: (1)
5 Whether the interests of the general public are adequately served by
6 the composition of such boards; (2) the adequacy of the administrative
7 timeframes utilized by such boards when making decisions within
8 their purview; (3) public access to board proceedings; and (4) the
9 adequacy of any disciplinary penalties that may be imposed by such
10 boards.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
21 designee; and

22 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

23 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
24 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
25 of the General Assembly.

26 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
27 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
28 filled by the appointing authority.

29 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
30 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
31 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
32 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
33 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

34 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to Public
36 Health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

37 (g) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a
38 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
41 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date

42 that it submits such report or January 1, 2011, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force that shall examine the current level of oversight provided by professional examining boards regulating the state's health care professions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]